

**LOMITA NOTES**

Mrs. Norman I. Beckham and son Ray are spending this week at Santa Paula with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beckham and N. I. Beckham.

Mrs. Guy Morgan of Los Angeles spent Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Pilford, of Redondo boulevard.

Recent guests at the Charles Gaaster home on Redondo boulevard were Miss Elsie Grogan, John O'Brien and James Leech, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Omer Bromley and family, of Allene street, and Miss Anna Sprout of Chestnut street were weekend visitors at Elsinore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tregarthen and family, of Catalina, are spending some time at their former home on Cypress street.

Friends here have received cards announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Rianda of Santa Maria. Mr. and Mrs. Rianda formerly lived on the Weston ranch.

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ARTICLE No. 15

"When should the declarer lead trumps?" is a question that is frequently asked. As a general rule, don't lead trumps until you have established your long suit, unless your trump holding is so strong that you can lead trumps and still retain control. Such hands, however, play themselves and the difficulty usually arises when the trump strength is or may be evenly divided between the declarer and his opponents. It often happens that the declarer has been forced to bid in response to his partner's informatory doubles and has only a four card suit, often without top honors. Such hands as these offer many difficulties, even for the experienced player, so any analysis of such hands should be interesting and instructive. The hand published as a problem in the preceding article was of this type. It is as follows:

Answer to Problem No. 8

Hearts—Q, 9, 3	: Y	Hearts—A, J, 10, 7, 2
Clubs—10, 9, 4, 3	: A	Clubs—A
Diamonds—8, 3	: B	Diamonds—K, Q, 4
Spades—Q, 7, 4, 3	: Z	Spades—A, 10, 8, 2

Score, YZ 16, AB 10, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one no-trump, A and Y passed, and B doubled. Z passed, A bid two spades, Y and B passed, and Z bid two no-trump. A and Y passed, B bid three spades, Z doubled, and all passed. YZ's club suit is established. How should A plan the play of the combined hands? A should figure Z with at least four spades to the king jack. Z would not have been justified in bidding two no-trump and doubling three spades with any less holding. He also should hold the king of hearts, the ace of diamonds, and the king of clubs. It should be apparent, therefore, that A should not lead trumps. Z's trump holding is much stronger than his own, and, in addition, YZ's club suit is established. For those very cogent reasons A should establish his heart suit before he leads trumps. At trick two, therefore, A should lead a low heart from B's (the dummy's) hand. Z will be forced to win this trick, and what can he lead? If he leads a club, A should trump in B's hand with the deuce of spades and lead a low spade through Z's hand. If Z plays a low spade, A should play the queen and then lead hearts, forcing Z to trump. No matter how Z plays the hand, he cannot win more than two spade tricks, one heart trick, and one diamond trick. The hands of all four players are as follows:

Hearts—Q, 9, 3	: Y	Hearts—A, J, 10, 7, 2
Clubs—10, 9, 4, 3	: A	Clubs—A
Diamonds—8, 3	: B	Diamonds—K, Q, 4
Spades—Q, 7, 4, 3	: Z	Spades—A, 10, 8, 2

See what happens if A should lead the ace and a low spade after winning the first trick. The lesson to learn from this hand is not to lead trumps until you have established your long suit.

Here's another hand that is an example of good play that comes up frequently enough to make a study of it well worth while. Think it over and compare your results with the analysis that will be given in the next article:

Problem No. 9

Hearts—7, 2	: Y	Hearts—A, K, Q, 9
Clubs—10, 5, 3	: A	Clubs—K, Q, 8, 7
Diamonds—K, 8, 7	: B	Diamonds—A, 10, 9
Spades—J, 8, 7, 5, 3	: Z	Spades—K, 10

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one no-trump. A and Y passed, and B bid two spades. Z bid two no-trump, A and Y passed, and B bid three diamonds. Z now bid three hearts, A passed, Y bid three no-trump, and all passed. A opened the six of clubs. How should Z figure out the cards held by his opponents, both from the bidding and the opening lead of the six of clubs? How should he plan the play of the hand so as to score three odd, game and rubber? Think it over carefully.

Mrs. H. B. Goodrich, Mrs. Julius Gerzert and Mrs. Alex MacPhail were in Los Angeles Thursday on business connected with the Trio Rebekah Lodge.

Mrs. Fanny Skinner, of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Horve of Eshelman avenue were recent visitors in Redondo.

Mr. and Mrs. Weir Atwood of Border avenue, Torrance, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney.

**TORRANCE NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Confer attended the ball game in Los Angeles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Friel of Los Angeles were dinner guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Webb of Amapola avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Friel have just returned from a trip to eastern cities.

A picnic luncheon at Laguna Beach was enjoyed Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dolley, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harder, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dolley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle of Sacramento were visitors Sunday at the home of Mrs. Doyle's mother, Mrs. M. L. Acree, of Gramercy avenue.

Guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Flint and Miss Laura Couch, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Effie Jane Hayden and Miss Phyla Alway attended a Redondo Beach theatre Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Pearson and Miss Ruth Geery enjoyed the dance at Santa Monica Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Weir Atwood were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney of Lomita.

Mrs. J. W. Wonders of Whittier entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. B. MacAlpine of Gramercy avenue at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Confer attended the ball game in Los Angeles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Weir Atwood of Border avenue dined in Los Angeles Sunday evening and attended Grauman's Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wicker have moved from Amapola avenue to Whittier.

Mrs. A. P. Stevenson was a guest of Los Angeles friends Monday.

Dr. W. J. Neelands and daughter Elizabeth and Mildred, of Gramercy avenue, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DuGay of Los Angeles.

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SACRAMENTO, Jan. 13 (Special).—Official figures made public here today by Will H. Marsh, chief of the division of motor vehicles, show that a total of 1,475,913 motor vehicles and trailers were registered in California during 1925. Marsh announced this was a net gain of 125,154, or 9.2 percent, over 1924, when 1,350,759 vehicles were registered.

"This will put California second, if not first, on the list of states in number of automobiles," Marsh said.

Registrations were divided as follows: Automobiles, 1,224,887; pneumatic-tired trucks, 172,280; solid-tired trucks, 42,296; motorcycles, 10,997; trailers, 25,453.

All types of vehicles showed an increase with the exception of motorcycles, which have been dwindling steadily for several years. The gain in passenger cars approximated 100,000.

The net receipts of the division for the year totaled \$7,816,620.40. The major part of this money will be turned over to the state highway commission and the various counties for road maintenance purposes.

During the year the division collected license fees of \$2 each from 106,230 chauffeurs operating in the state.

Indicative of the rapid turnover in cars, the division's record shows 795,557 transfers during the year. The division is now in the midst of renewing licenses for 1926. Marsh advises that motorists should forward their fees immediately to Sacramento to avoid a penalty. License plates will cost double after Jan. 30.

Mrs. R. M. Jones and family, of Sun street were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Carvill of Weston street.

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